

Agness – Illahe Road Construction News

June 26, 2003

This project is located approximately 30 miles up the Rogue River from Gold Beach, Oregon. This project consists of a complete highway reconstruction of approximately 3.5 miles of roadway. The project begins at the intersection of Curry County Road Number 375 and Forest Service Road 33 and continues along the Rogue River to Foster Bar. This work will consist of mechanically stabilized earth walls, rock buttresses, rockery walls, drainage structures, guardrail, and paving. When finished there will be one full lane with many new turnouts and viewpoints, which will improve traffic flow along the river. October 2002 the Federal Highway Administration awarded a \$4.34 million contract to Roy E. Ladd Construction of Redding, California. The completion date for this project is October 2003.

ROAD CLOSURES WILL CONTINUE. *This will pose the following schedule: 1 HOUR DELAYS MONDAY 6:00am to 6:00pm, ROAD CLOSED 8:00AM TUESDAY TO 5:00PM THURSDAY, 1 HOUR DELAYS FRIDAY 6:00am to 6:00pm with no weekend work. This schedule will continue until these retaining walls are complete. While the Illahe road is closed there will be a clearly signed detour route to Foster Bar via Agness Pass. If coming from the Rogue Valley it is suggested to use the Eden Valley route rather than the Bear Camp route. New signs along this route have been installed to clearly mark the route and printable maps are available on the project website www.agness-road.com.*

For the week of June 30th, 2003, Ladd will continue wall construction. Our first wall is nearly complete and crews are ready to start full production of these walls. In fact, more equipment will be delivered soon to aide in this wall construction. Crews plan to build two walls at a time working from the project ends to the project middle. It is anticipated to place dust abatement on the detour route Tuesday thru Thursday. If driving this route, please keep speeds to a minimum until this product dries. Excavation will continue in the narrows located near the Illahe Campground. It is possible that crews may begin work on excavating the large rock buttresses near the end of the week.

The roadway is greatly changing by the day if not by the hour, so please be alert watching for the changing road conditions. There are many traffic switches and large excavated holes to drive around and thru. Please, keep speeds down and eyes on the road!

Due to safety concerns the Forest Service Illahe Campground located in the middle of the project is closed to the public until completion of the project.

Federal Highway has a web page that this and all future newsletters, maps, and project photos will be posted at. The easy web address pointer is www.agness-road.org.

All problems, concerns, and questions should be directed to the Federal Highway Administration's Project Engineer currently located in Gold Beach, OR:

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